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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Official Action mailed on May 9, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$1,232.00 is enclosed, \$920.00 of which covers the fee for the three-month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0370. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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